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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM EG
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: POLICY ON RESPONSES TO AMNESTY
- INTERNATIONAL

1. EMBASSY IS RECEIVING INCREASING NUMBER OF LETTERS FROM U.S. CITIZENS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI). LETTERS REQUEST INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, ARE BEING HELD IN DETENTION, OR BEING TRIED. USUALLY LETTERS INDICATE AI CONCERN, SUGGEST POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND REQUEST STATUS REPORT.

2. EMBASSY PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO RESPOND TO THESE LETTERS BY EXAMINING THE PUBLIC RECORD AND DETERMINING THE STATUS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL. WE HAVE NORMALLY ADDED A COMMENT ABOUT EGYPT'S IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD UNDER PRESIDENT SADAT RELATIVE TO NASSER'S DAYS (COPIES OF LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO NEA/EGY AND HA.)

3. ON OCCASION WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS FROM PUBLIC SOURCES TO GIVE MEANINGFUL REPLIES. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO APPROACH
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EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO DO THIS SINCE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE VIEWED BY SECURITY AUTHORITIES AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, A MATTER ON WHICH GOE IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. FURTHERMORE, THOSE CASES THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED ARE ALL BEING TRIED FOR CONSPIRACY, MEMBERSHIP IN ILLEGAL (COMMUNIST) ORGANIZATIONS OR ATTEMPT TO INCITE VIOLENCE. UNLESS DEPART-

MENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE WILL CONTINUE PRACTICE OF
RESPONDING TO AI REQUESTS WITHOUT APPROACHING GOE.
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